

PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed November 26, 2007, has been received and reviewed.

The Office Action sets forth a species restriction requirement. Applicants were requested to elect one of two patentably distinct species as followed:

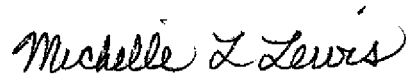
- A. The claimed polypeptide of claim 18 or 19.
- B. The claimed polypeptide wherein the tag is one of the tags recited in claim 21.

In response to the Requirement for Species Election, Applicants elect a species of the claimed polypeptides that is produced in mammalian cells and comprises a polyhistidine tag.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6627.

Respectfully Submitted,

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